RE: Convoy Updates - February 10th

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Couple of stories and issues to flag this evening sir:

- * CBC's just gone live with an article saying the US Secretary of Homeland Security has offered the help of his department to end the blockade in Windsor. Details of the support was not provided. White House senior officials and the federal cabinet are reportedly "engaged around the clock to bring this to a swift end." (Article)
- * A protest against vaccine mandates caused a Manitoba school to enter a hold-and-secure situation. The protest was held outside the school building, but the situation was triggered when a few protestors attempted to enter. (CBC)
- * NOT CURRENTLY PUBLIC: Pavan from our policy team has flagged a number of Liberal MPs have received suspicious packages. Only Mike Kelloway has publicly confirmed this right now, but it is understood that MPs Fillmore, Fisher, Battiste, and Diab have also received. Photo one of the packages attached.
    - * This could be connected to incidents earlier this week where two Conservative MPs and 3 Liberal MLAs all received similar packages. (These earlier incidents have been made public)

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Evening GOC update:

Colleagues,

New information in bold as of 18:00 EST, 10 Feb

Overview

- * Effective 15 Jan, COVID-19 vaccination became mandatory for all truckers entering Canada from the US to avoid a two-week quarantine and a negative COVID-19 test before arrival.
- * Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, non-US essential workers who are crossing land borders must be fully vaccinated.
- * **Additional reporting is expected beginning tomorrow from other government departments including RCMP, GAC, PCO, CSIS, ITAC, Canadian Coast Guard, and others.**
- * **Financing:**

- * **American donors to trucker convoy may be outnumbering Canadians: CTV News analysis.** Link
- * **Convoy protest received hundreds of donations that appeared from abroad.** Link
- * **No spike in suspicious transaction reporting amid trucker convoy protests: FINTRAC.** Link
- * **GoFundMe to appear before parliamentary committee to discuss protest convoy on 03 Mar**. Link

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Key Points: (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- * **There are minimal people on Parliament Hill, and approx. 50-60 people on the surrounding streets (as of 17:00 10 Feb). The convoy of approx. 40 trucks that were circling Ottawa International Airport have returned to Jetform Park (Coventry site).**
  - * **There has been a temporary increase to the set fines associated with certain City of Ottawa By-Laws. Fines for open air fires, use and care of roads, and noise by-laws are now $1000 each.**
  - * **Trucker convoy: 25 arrests made, 1,775 tickets issued since start of protests; Police say there's a 'concerted effort' to flood 911 line.** Link

Windsor, ON:

- * On 10 Feb, convoy protesters continue to block all the exits from the Ambassador Bridge coming into Canada. In addition, all US-bound entrances onto the bridge are now inaccessible due to blocked feeder streets within Windsor. Additional police resources from the OPP have arrived to assist Windsor Police with traffic control and response.
- * **On 10 Feb, Transport Canada advised there is no impact to the Essex Terminal Railway (ETR) and its 4-6 daily train movements, despite being in close proximity to protestors near the Ambassador Bridge. ETR remains in close contact with Windsor police personnel who are on site in the event impacts to the railway occur.**
- * **OPP are assisting with traffic/logistics in the area of the Ambassador Bridge protest to support Windsor Police and more will be arriving as the day moves forward.**
- * **The Windsor-Detroit Tunnel remains open with an increase in commercial traffic noted.**
- * **On 10 Feb, Mayor Drew Dilkens said the City of Windsor is seeking an injunction to end the blockade at the Ambassador Bridge.**
  - * **Auto Groups, City of Windsor seek injunction to end Ambassador Bridge blockade of Ontario-U.S. traffic.** Link
  - * Ford, Toyota and now GM halt production as trucker blockade chokes off parts. Link

Sarnia, ON:

- * As of 10 Feb, CBSA is reporting Hwy 402 remains closed at Nauvoo Rd. The convoy is blocking westbound Hwy 402 at Nauvoo Road; transport trucks are being rerouted off Hwy 402 at Watford Rd by OPP. **The Blue Water Bridge remains open, however, there is a two-hour wait time for Canada-bound commercial vehicles.**
- * On 09 Feb, Via Rail Police reported receiving a message that the Sarnia truck convoy is planning to block the CN rail line. CN notified its staff, including CN Police, to monitor level grade crossings and overpasses for

activity. Via Rail runs a single train daily in each direction between Sarnia and Toronto, but the greater impact of a blockade would be to CN operations using this line. As of 10 Feb, no further updates have been received at this time.

- * Protesters block section of Highway 402 heading to Sarnia, Ont., bridge crossing to U.S. Link

Fort Erie, ON:

- * Planned demonstration at Peace bridge - open source information indicates the convoy may block access to the Peace bridge on 12 Feb, with potential to impact the Fort Erie-Buffalo border crossing.
- * **As of 1400 ET, a lone protester has been seen within the vicinity of the Peace Bridge. Vehicle is displaying several Canadian Flags and is being honked at by passersby.**
  - * **Fort Erie's Peace Bridge to face truckers' protest this weekend.** Link

Toronto, ON:

- * In response to social media posts announcing a possible demonstration, Toronto Police Service have closed streets around Queen's Park Circle to traffic.
  - * Toronto police close Queen's Park Circle in response to possible convoy protest. Link

Winnipeg, MB:

- * Reports indicate small number of demonstrators outside of the Manitoba legislative building.
  - * **Winnipeg's top civil servant to explore injunction against Broadway protest.** Link
  - * **Winnipeg exploring possibility of court action to deal with trucker protest**. Link

Emerson, MB:

- * Report of slow moving convoy near Emerson POE on 10 Feb. **RCMP in Manitoba issued a statement over Twitter on 10 Feb, that a large number of vehicles including farm equipment is blocking the Emerson POE, with no traffic getting through north or southbound.**
- * **As of 1100 ET, the blockade remains in place. All commercial traffic is being re-routed back to the US and directed to alternate POEs. RCMP were successfully able to negotiate with the protestors to allow stranded trucks on the northbound side of Hwy 75 to be let through. Border wait times are not affected**.
  - * **RCMP say main U.S. border crossing in Manitoba closed by convoy protest.** Link
  - * **Protesters block major Canada-U.S. border crossing in Manitoba.** Link

Coutts (Port of Entry) AB:

- * As of 09 Feb, RCMP enforcement activities are underway at Milk River and Coutts. **CBSA confirmed that the blockage of the highway north of the Coutts POE continues.**
- * **The Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) has requested the temporary addition of a veterinarian as a backup for cattle exports to cross, as live cattle cannot remain in trucks for long periods of time. CFIA National Veterinary Program Manager has made the request to APHIS.**

- * **Protesters at Alberta border crossing decline to move to new site as RCMP issue tickets.** Link
- * **Police, protesters remain at Milk River, Coutts blockades.** Link

Montreal, QC:

- * **On 10 Feb, Transport Canada reported three vehicles were observed near Montreal-Pierre Elliott International Airport. The vehicles were intercepted and redirected away by airport authorities. There were no impacts to airport operations.**

Fredericton, NB:

- * The Mayor of Fredericton and Fredericton Police issued statements regarding a protest convoy planned for the city's downtown and provincial legislature on 11-13 Feb. The Provincial Government amending its Emergency Act, adding prohibitions for a number of disruptive activities such as blocking the normal flow of traffic on any road or highway.
  - * **Fredericton police ready for protest this weekend.** Link
  - * N.B. makes change to Emergency Act to address protests. Link

Surrey, BC:

- * **As of 10 Feb, a demonstration continues near Pacific Highway Port of Entry. Approximately 20-30 participants have remained between 2nd and 4th Avenues on 176 Street. Protestors have remained and there is no indication they will attempt to impede and/or blockade traffic. There have been no operational impacts to commercial.**

Preparedness and Response efforts

Ottawa, ON :

- * The GOC will hosts.38 [redacted] teleconferences with partners at TBS and PCO on an ad hoc basis for the remainder of the event.
- * On 09 Feb, Ontario and Quebec police resources confiscated approximately 20 fuel containers (jerry cans) and issued 14 tickets for fire infractions.
- * On 09 Feb, an Ontario Court judge approved a request from city officials to increase several bylaw fines such as noise and idling to a maximum of $1,000.
- * As of 08 Feb, police resources have made 23 arrests in relation to the demonstration and 1,300 tickets have been issued.
- * NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill; extended until 14 Feb.
- * **For information on planned traffic routes, road closures and location of other demonstrations nationally.**
- * **For updates on the City of Ottawa road closures and traffic or via social media *@Ottawa_Traffic* and *@Ottawa_Circule*.**

Other Jurisdictions:

- * NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Queen's Park in Toronto until 13 Feb.
- * NOTAMs are in effect over Milk River and Coutts until 16 Feb.

Overall Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources):

- * **The majority of the events have been peaceful.**
- * Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.
- * There is currently no known end time for the demonstrations.

***Information above has been populated from reporting from departments including TC and CBSA*

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RCMP update:

Event Overview:

- * **No demonstrators** reported to be on **Parliament Hill** at this time.
- * **Approximately 50-60 demonstrators on Wellington St. and in the downtown core.**
- * OPS estimate that there **are 505 trucks in the downtown core.**
- * OPP is monitoring several small pockets of convoys. The convoy that was previously circling on the 417 has returned to Jetform Park
- * Ottawa Police said 911 and non-emergency lines were targeted by a 'flood' of coordinated fake calls.
- * A group of truck convoy protesters made their way to the Ottawa Airport – which has now concluded.
- * Blockades at Ambassador Bridge has entered its 4th day, as governments officials and manufacturers are calling on the federal government to put an end to it. Emerson port of entry has also been shut down. Another convoy is heading for Ontario's Peace Bridge. In Manitoba, a high school was forced into hold-and-secure due to protests outside. An Ottawa school board has also confirmed an incident at a local elementary school, of which a vehicle displaying the word "freedom" drove by slowly, taunting and harassing a group of students, teachers and parents.
- * GoFundMe is set to appear before a parliamentary committee on March 3rd.

Communications:

- * There are currently 475 news items in media monitoring in relation to the demonstrations across the country today. Coverage has focused on updates to the situation in various locations.
- * OPS Chief Sloly conducted an interview with CBC National News this afternoon.
- * The Service de police de la Ville de Gatineau today issued a news release in regards to the Farfadaa's "camping" in Gatineau, as they are on a private property that they are renting. Some actions were taken by the local fire department and legal team in the form of fines. The news release can be viewed here (French only): Mise à jour au sujet des manifestations - Ville de Gatineau
- * RCMP NHQ have one media call on questions related to Tom Quiggan and Daniel Bulford. Liaison is ongoing with partners in terms of an appropriate response and/or referral. Will flag our response to PCO as requested.

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Substantial CBSA update below sir:

Update as of 2022-02-10 1600 ET – we have incorporated CBSA/LE engagement from regional input.

New information in red below.

Bottom line/Summary:
Ambassador Bridge:

- The Ambassador Bridge remains closed to inbound (to Canada) traffic. Freedom Convoy protesters have continued their blockade on streets around Ambassador Bridge. Protestors continue to block US-bound vehicles using the Wyandotte/Patricia intersection.

- As of 1030 ET, Information has been received indicating the crowd is growing in size. Windsor Police are still not allowing additional vehicles to protest site. As of 1400 ET, OPP are assisting with traffic/logistics in the area to support WPS and more will be arriving as day moves forward.

- Ford, Toyota and now GM halt production as trucker blockade chokes off parts. Link

- Windsor Detroit Tunnel: Tunnel remains open, however, there are higher volumes of traffic being reported.

- WPS have stationed an officer at the Tunnel entrance and exit to monitor for protest activity.

- No traffic delays are reported at the Windsor Tunnel as of 1514 ET.

Sarnia Blue Water Bridge:

- The Sarnia Blue Water Bridge continues to receive heavy car and truck traffic diverting from Windsor. As of 1411 ET the border wait time for trucks entering Canada up to 2 hrs.

- As of 08:30, the 402 Hwy closure by protesters continues 30km east of Sarnia at Nauvoo Road. Transport trucks are being rerouted by the OPP. There is currently no protest activity at Centennial Park in the vicinity of the bridge.

Fort Erie Peace Bridge:

- The Peace Bridge is receiving diversions of trucks from Windsor and Sarnia. As of 1510 ET, the border wait time for commercial trucks is 57 min for commercial and 1 min for cars.
- * As of 1400 ET, a lone protester has been seen within the vicinity of the Peace Bridge. Vehicle is displaying several Canadian Flags and is being honked at by passers by.

Lacolle

- * The region has received reports of a protest event planned for February 12, 2022 at the Lacolle POE being organized via social media.

Emerson:

- * As of 1100 ET, the blockade remains in place. All commercial traffic is being re-routed Pre-PIL back to the US and directed to alternate POE. Passenger vehicles are being allowed to proceed north from the POE but diverting to the town of Emerson and north on Hwy 200. RCMP were successfully able to negotiate with the protestors to allow the stranded trucks on the NB side of Hwy 75 to be let through. Border wait times not affected.

Coutts:

- * The blockage of the highway north of the Coutts POE continues.
- * As of 1428 ET, PRA region reports that the Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) has noted issues with live cattle trucks due to the protests. CCA has requested the temporary addition of an APHIS vet at Del Bonita as a backup for these exports to cross, as live cattle cannot remain in the trucks for too long. CFIA National Veterinary Program Manager has made the request to APHIS.

Pacific Highway:

- * As of 1229 ET on February 10th, 2022, the demonstration continues near Pacific Highway Port of Entry. Approximately 20-30 participants have remained between 2nd and 4th Avenues on 176 Street. Protestors have remained and there is no indication they will attempt to impede and/or blockade traffic. No media personnel have been observed today. There have been no operational impacts.

Upcoming Protests Events

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ONGOING	**CONFIRMED**	**UNCONFIRMED**
• * Ottawa – Parliament Hill protest continues • * Coutts – North and South bound traffic is flowing with one lane open in each direction and gates are open. Protestors continue to line the highway north of the POE. • * Sault Ste. Marie – protestor offsite • * Windsor Convoy for Freedom 2022 – Ambassador Bridge • * Sarnia – Hwy 402 blockade • * Emerson – North and South bound traffic blockage north of POE • * Pacific Highway (near POE)	• * Ottawa – protests continue at Parliament Hill and downtown. • * Montreal Airport – Feb 12, 2022 **Overseas:** • * New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests • * France – Protest activity in support of Canadian protests (convoy to Belgium)	CANADA: • * SOR Rail blockade - unconfirmed • * Peace Bridge, SOR – Feb 12, 2022 • * Pigeon River – Feb 12, 2022 • * Montreal, QUE – Feb 12, 2022 (convoy to Ottawa) • * Lacolle, QUE – Feb 12, 2022 • * Woodstock ATL/ Houlton, ME – weekend of Feb 12

		• * Regway, PRA – February 12 • * Fort Frances, NOR – Feb 13 • * North Portal, SK / Boissevain, MG - unconfirmed **US:** • * Peace Bridge, NY – February 12, 2022 • * Buffalo – February 11, 2022 • * Port Huron / Sarnia – February 12, 2022 **Overseas:** • * Brussels - Freedom Convoy Europe 2022 (Unconfirmed) • * New Zealand - protest activity in support of Canadian protests • * Australia- protest activity in support of Canadian protests

Enhanced vigilance examinations:
No new vigilance examinations reported

Intelligence Landscape
BLUF: As of February 10 at 13:30 ET, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is low.

Regional POE Impacts:

ATL:

- * Woodstock: On February 9, 2022, ATL received information from RCMP of concerns of a potential blockade in Houlton, ME this weekend, if trucks are denied entry into Fredericton for a demonstration planned there.

Quebec:

- * Pierre Elliott Trudeau Airport, Montreal: At approx. 13H56 information was received that a convoy of trucks was heading towards Montreal-Trudeau Airport. Airport authority patrol (Surete, ADM), Montreal Police (SPVM) and Quebec Provincial Police are on site. At 14:27, three vehicles were intercepted by ADM and SPVM. As of 1510 ET, the three vehicles have left the scene. Provincial police do not believe there are any more vehicles arriving and the airport authority has closed their emergency operations centre.
- * Provincial police (SQ) is reporting having discovered the information via a specific Facebook (FB) group called: ''Debout pour la liberté''. SQ also does not appear to have any further information at this time and they are currently putting their response plan together in the event that the protest becomes a reality. CBSA Intel is liaising with SQ. The RCMP appears unaware at this time and are being briefed by CBSA Intel
- * Quebec Region CBSA Intel is liaising with USCBP. They are reporting having heard echoes of a possible protest/blockade at Lacolle (Autoroute 15) on 2022-02-12. USCBP does not appear to have any further information on the situation at this time.
- * In the event that a protest takes place the RPC/CTR management will work with the RCMP/SQ to ensure that the service road entrance from Montée Glass (east side of highway 15) remains open, as this will ensure the free flow of traffic from Roxham rd to the RPC/CTR and the possibility of transport from the RPC/CTR to Montreal/IHC/quarantine facilities etc. Due to the lack of space between the POE of Lacolle and the highway entrance, as well as the access to the CTR, CBSA Quebec Region Intel will ensure that the Quebec Ministry of Transport is informed and prepared to deal with such a situation as well;

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- * Sault Ste. Marie: As of 1240 ET, the POE reported a very small group of demonstrators have staged across the road from the POE at the broker offices. As of 1435 ET, small amounts of supporter have joined the demonstration. The numbers are still small and is having no impact on the operation at this time. It is suspected that a number of transport vehicles will be joining the group at some point.
- * The Sault Ste Marie (SSM) Police Incident Command has been established with direct contact with the SSM port of entry (POE) Superintendents. The Director of the Northwest District (NWD) has also spoken with the SSM police department. Both the Director of NWD and the SSM POE Superintendents are in direct contact with the Bridge Authority Manager. This afternoon, the RCMP did a site visit to the SSM POE for awareness purposes.
- * Thunder Bay/Pigeon River: At 1154 ET, region reports unconfirmed information of a protest planned for Thunder Bay/Pigeon River on Saturday Feb 12th starting at 1100hrs. Protesters will begin in the intercity area of Thunder Bay and do a "slow roll" down highway 61 towards the Pigeon River POE, ending at the Tourist Information Centre just north of the port. Distance is approximately 60km. No other info at this time.
- * Fort Frances: As of 1036 ET, NOR reported information received on a possible protest planned on Feb 13, 2022 from 1000 – 1400 ET in the Central Ave area. This is one of the streets leading to the export lane to the U.S. Local RIO and OPP are investigating.

GTA:

- * No impact to CBSA operations reported

SOR:

Ambassador Bridge:

- * As of 1500 ET, reports of up to 100 people congregated in the Wyandotte Street area, with vehicles and transport trucks backed up. Chatter among the protestors is that they are expecting others to join tonight
- * As of 13:00 ET, one reporter and camera man present. Communications reports numerous questions from multiple news outlets in both Canada and the US, and has been providing standard approved responses.
- * CBSA Chief/Manager presence 24/7 in the WPS led EOC. OPP resources and command arrived earlier today, with LE command meetings underway (as we speak) identifying roles and responsibilities, logistics, communications, and intelligence. To our knowledge, specific planning on intent and intervention has not yet occurred.

Winsdor Tunnel:

- * As of 0900 ET, Tunnel remains open. Overtime list for this afternoon has already been exhausted at the Windsor Tunnel. Some Day shift BSO's have agreed to stay over a few hours.

Blue Water Bridge:

- * On 09 Feb, Via Rail Police reported receiving a message that the Sarnia truck convoy is planning to block the CN rail line. CN notified its staff, including CN Police, to monitor level grade crossings and overpasses for activity. CN is concerned they will not have the resources to address a blockade. Via Rail runs a single train daily in each direction between Sarnia and Toronto, but the greater impact of a blockade would be to CN operations using this line. As of 10 Feb, no further updates have been received at this time.
- * OPP EOC is on-site at Blue Water Bridge. CBSA Chief POC is established to liaise directly with OPP Command in EOC. CBSA input to OPP planning occurred on Feb 8 and 9 via RDG and St. Clair District Director, in advance of protest activity and establishment of westbound blockade on Hwy 402. OPP established EDRs and continues to effectively divert US bound traffic around the blockade, and monitor any changes in protest tactics.

Fort Erie (Peace Bridge)

- * Lone protester has been seen within the vicinity of the Peace Bridge. Vehicle is displaying several Canadian Flags and is being honked at by passers by. The individual is wearing a silver bucket/helmet on his head. Staff has been briefed on expected behaviour, to disengage if encountered and to report to CBSA management immediately.
- * The Peace Bridge Authority is turning off webcams as the footage is being used on social media to spread incorrect information that there are blockades/protests at the Peace Bridge.
- * Joint OPP/NRP EOC is expected to stand up later today (Feb 10) at NRP HQ. CBSA Chief/Manager presence will be established 24/7 in the joint EOC. Initial strategic planning discussions took place on Feb 9 and 10 between NRP Deputy Chief, NRP Inspector, and SOR RDG. Detailed Senior Command level planning is set to commence later today (Feb 10) between Director Jeff Walters (Executive IC for Niagara/Fort Erie) and NRP/OPP Senior Command.

PRA:

Coutts:

- * As of 1428 ET, PRA region reports that the Canadian Cattlemen's Association (CCA) has requested the temporary addition of an APHIS vet at Del Bonita as a backup for these exports to cross, as live cattle

cannot remain in the trucks for too long. CFIA National Veterinary Program Manager has made the request to APHIS.

Emerson:

- * As of 1122 ET, there is no change - blockade remains in place. All commercial traffic is being re-routed Pre-PIL back to the US and directed to alternate POE. Passenger vehicles are being allowed to proceed north from the POE but diverting to the town of Emerson and north on Hwy 200.
- * RCMP were successfully able to negotiate with the protestors to allow the stranded trucks on the NB side of Hwy 75 to be let through. Border wait times not affected.
- * As a result of the blockade north of the Emerson POE on Hwy 75, traffic will be diverted to the following POE's for extended hours
  - * Tolstoi 8:00-22:00
  - * Gretna 8:00-22:00
  - * Winkler 8:00-22:00
  - * Sprague 24 hrs
  - * Boissevain 24 hrs

- * Multiple daily Ops meetings with the RCMP in both Coutts and Emerson to discuss current operational issues. This meeting includes various law enforcement including Provincial Sheriffs, RCMP, CBSA, CBP, CP Police, municipal police services, etc. Items that we have discussed include:
  - * Intelligence on where current blockades are and where they are anticipated.
  - * Ongoing operations and negotiations and progress by the RCMP
  - * Port diversions north and south – seeking assistance from the RCMP in diverting traffic and sensitive loads to alternate ports i.e. in Coutts its to del Bonita and Carway and in Emerson its Tolstoi and Gretna
  - * Discussion related to triage and negotiation to move sensitive loads i.e. live animals or produce through blockades or to alternate ports.
  - * Secure access route into and away from port – for employees.
  - * We have also facilitated the establishment of the RCMP Command Post in the port of Coutts.

- * We meet daily with USCBP both at an operational level (meetings above) as well at a senior management level (RDGO) to discuss the following issues:
    - * Coordinate alternate ports/diversion/expanded hours of operations and matching between US and Canada. Discussion of expanded hours to 22:00hrs and 24/7 based on volumes and operational requirements.
    - * Processing/facilitating of live animals and coordination of CFIA/USDA work between ports i.e. negotiating movement through alternate ports to facilitate movement of sensitive goods.
    - * Discuss roles and responsibilities at the border i.e. USCBP playing a point position for north bound traffic and diverting where possible.
- * Meetings with the US Consul – RDG provided updates related to steps being taken at the borders (CBSA related only)
- * Regular meetings with senior management (RDG to RDG) of CFIA to discuss:
    - * Movement of sensitive loads.
    - * Coordination of CFIA services at Commercial Designated Ports and to discuss strategy to move sensitive loads through alternate ports via alternative solutions.
- * Regular meetings with ADM's of the Province of AB – Highways. To ensure they are updated on current strategies to use alternative ports, expanded hours, alternative processing methods and port volumes. The Province communicates with stakeholder groups in the province and facilitates efficient flow and movement through the border.

Regway:

- * As of 1440 ET, PRA region reported information from a partner agency of social media posts planning a convoy to Regway POE on February 12, 2022.

PAC:

- * Pacific Highway: As of 09:00hrs PST on February 10th, 2022, the demonstration continues near the POE. Approximately 20-30 participants have remained between 2nd and 4th Avenues on 176 Street. Protestors have remained peaceful and there is no indication they will attempt to impede and/or blockade traffic. All applicable stakeholders and the Pacific Highway District Senior Management team have been apprised of the situation. There have been no operational impacts.

Other from Partners:

- * US CBP reports social media posts indicating multiple convoys driving through the US and converging in Washington, DC during the first week of March. There is reference to a smaller element hoping to interfere with the Super Bowl on Feb 3, 2022, and then travelling to DC, but this effort appears to have little traction.
- * The Mayor of Fredericton and Fredericton Police issued statements regarding a protest convoy planned for the city's downtown and provincial legislature on 11-13 Feb. The Provincial Government amending its Emergency Act, adding prohibitions for a number of disruptive activities such as blocking the normal flow of traffic on any road or highway.
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Media reports:

Homeland Security warns Canada-style trucker convoys could disrupt Super Bowl | Montreal Gazette
Support for 'Freedom Convoy' in Canada pours in from U.S. | CTV News

- * The DHS memo said the department has received reports of truck drivers potentially planning to block roads in major metropolitan cities in the United States in protest of, among other things, vaccine mandates, according to The Hill. The convoy will potentially begin in California early as mid-February,

potentially impacting the Super Bowl scheduled for 13 February and the State of the Union address scheduled for 1 March," according to the memo obtained by The Hill

International media:

- Paris bans protest convoys inspired by Canada blockade | RNZ News
- Inspired by Ottawa protests, French motorists join 'Freedom Convoy' bound for Paris - ApXap
- World reacts to 'copycat' anti-mandate protest on Parliament grounds - NZ Herald
- Austrian police ban 'Freedom Convoy' from Vienna (thelocal.at)

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Midday GOC update:

New information in bold as of 12:00 EST, 10 Feb

Overview

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- * Similarly, beginning on 22 Jan, non-US essential workers who are crossing land borders must be fully vaccinated.

Key Points: (Details on Demonstrations in affected cities/regions)

Ottawa, ON:

- * **As of 10 Feb, there are minimal people on Parliament Hill and surrounding streets. After a slow rolling convoy of about 50-70 mainly personal vehicles drove by the arrival/departure lanes at Ottawa International Airport on 10 Feb, airport security reports the vehicles have since left, and considers the incident over. Aside from congestion due to vehicle traffic there were no reported impacts to airport operations.**
  - * Ottawa police warn protestors they could be charged for blocking downtown streets. Link

Windsor, ON:

- * **On 10 Feb, convoy protesters continue to block all the exits from the Ambassador Bridge coming into Canada. In addition, all US-bound entrances onto the bridge are now inaccessible due to blocked feeder streets within Windsor. Additional police resources from the OPP have arrived to assist Windsor Police with traffic control and response.**
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- * Border protest: Windsor requests federal assistance as blockade continues. Link
- * Ambassador Bridge blockade could have 'enormous' impact on Canadian trade. Link

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- * Planned demonstration at Peace bridge - open source information indicates the convoy may block access to the Peace bridge on 12 Feb, with potential to impact the Fort Erie-Buffalo border crossing.
  - * Niagara bridges monitoring blockade situation in Windsor. Link

Toronto, ON:

- * In response to social media posts announcing a possible demonstration, Toronto Police Service have closed streets around Queen's Park Circle to traffic.
  - * Toronto police close Queen's Park Circle in response to possible convoy protest. Link

Winnipeg, MB:

- * Reports indicate small number of demonstrators outside of the Manitoba legislative building.
  - * **Special meeting called; city council to discuss next steps to deal with truckers protest.** Link
  - * Demonstration slated for Polo Park on 12 Feb. Link

Emerson, MB:

- * **Report of slow moving convoy near Emerson POE on 10 Feb. No delay is reported by CBSA for commercial or traveller flow at Emerson POE.**
  - * **Emerson border blocked, drivers may face delays.** Link

Coutts (Port of Entry) AB:

- * **As of 09 Feb, RCMP enforcement activities are underway at Milk River and Coutts. CBSA confirmed that north and southbound lanes at Coutts POE are blocked while enforcement activities are ongoing.**
  - * **Police conduct enforcement activities related to Alberta protesters.** Link
  - * Enforcement to remove Coutts border blockade to begin Wednesday afternoon: RCMP. Link

Fredericton, NB:

- * The Mayor of Fredericton and Fredericton Police issued statements regarding a protest convoy planned for the city's downtown and provincial legislature on 11-13 Feb. **The Provincial Government amending its Emergency Act, adding prohibitions for a number of disruptive activities such as blocking the normal flow of traffic on any road or highway.**
  - * **N.B. makes change to Emergency Act to address protests.** Link
  - * Planned protest in Fredericton raises concerns about impact on residents, businesses. Link

Preparedness and Response efforts

Ottawa, ON :

- * The GOC will hosts.38 teleconferences with partners at TBS and PCO on an ad hoc basis for the remainder of the event.
- * **On 09 Feb, Ontario and Quebec police resources confiscated approximately 20 fuel containers (jerry cans) and issued 14 tickets for fire infractions.**
- * On 09 Feb, an Ontario Court judge approved a request from city officials to increase several bylaw fines such as noise and idling to a maximum of $1,000.
- * As of 08 Feb, police resources have made 23 arrests in relation to the demonstration and 1,300 tickets have been issued.
- * NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Parliament Hill; extended until 14 Feb.
- * For information on planned traffic routes, road closures and location of other demonstrations nationally.
- * For updates on the City of Ottawa road closures and traffic or via social media *@Ottawa_Traffic* and *@Ottawa_Circule*.

Other Jurisdictions:

- * NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions over Queen's Park in Toronto until 13 Feb.
- * NOTAMs are in effect over Milk River and Coutts until 16 Feb.

Overall Assessment: (derived from information available on open sources):

- * The majority of the events have been peaceful.
- * Since most government employees are working remotely, the disruption to government activities is so far minor.
- * There is currently no known end time for the demonstrations.

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Cc: Astravas, Zita <Zita.Astravas@qpc-cpr.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Convoy Updates - February 10th

Media are reporting there is another possible blockade setting in at Emerson, Manitoba:

RCMP say main U.S. border crossing in Manitoba closed by convoy protest

CP, Feb. 10th 2022

WINNIPEG _ Manitoba RCMP say a protest has shut down the province's main border crossing with the United States.

Mounties say a large number of vehicles and farm equipment is blocking the Emerson port of entry, located about 100 kilometres south of Winnipeg.

They say no traffic is getting through in either direction and people should avoid the area.

A protest over COVID-19 public health measures also continues outside the Manitoba legislature in Winnipeg.

More than a dozen large vehicles are parked outside the main entrance to the legislature grounds and have blocked off a nearby street.

Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman has said the protest, which has included loud horn-honking for six days, must end soon.

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Update from RCMP on Ottawa activity:

Event Overview:

- * **No demonstrators** reported to be on **Parliament Hill** at this time.
- * **No demonstrators on Wellington St. and in the downtown core.**
- * OPS estimate that there **are 505 trucks in the downtown core.**
- * A convoy slow roll is currently underway impacting the Ottawa International Airport. Unknown number of vehicles at this time.

Communications:

- * There are 272 media articles in the news this morning mainly reporting on the blockades at the Coutts and Windsor border entrances, as well as about the Ottawa occupation. There are also reports of similar convoys appearing in various parts of the US and around the world inspired by the Canadian movement.
- * A **CBC news article** highlights the military and law enforcement backgrounds of some of the protestors (including ex-RCMP), noting that their expertise is likely playing a big role in the planning and logistical side of the convoy.

- * No media requests have been received since the last update.

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Good morning sir,

First update of the day from CBSA on what's happening at POEs.

New information in red below.

Bottom line/Summary:

Ambassador Bridge:

- * The Ambassador Bridge remains closed to inbound (to Canada) traffic. Protestors associated with Freedom Convoy have continued their blockade on city streets around Ambassador Bridge. Employees are able to report to work, alternate routes are being recommended if necessary.
- * Protestors overwhelmed the Wyandotte/Patricia intersection where small amounts of US bound traffic were previously gaining access to the bridge. Trucks are now backed and have started spilling into neighbourhood streets, looking for a way out. Pedestrians are blocking vehicles from gaining access to the bridge.
- * As of 04:00 ET, the number of protestors appears to have plateaued. Actual protest activity has diminished at this time, however the blockade is still present. Additional police resources from the OPP have arrived and are assisting WPS with traffic control and response.

Sarnia Blue Water Bridge:

- * The Sarnia Blue Water Bridge continues to receive car and truck traffic diverting from Windsor, the current border wait time for trucks entering Canada is 3 hrs. There is no delay for US-bound traffic.
- * The 402 continues to be closed at Nauvoo Road. The convoy is blockading the westbound 402 at Nauvoo Road. Transport trucks are being rerouted off the 402 at Watford Rd by the OPP.

Fort Erie Peace Bridge:

- * The Peace Bridge is receiving diversions of trucks from Windsor and Sarnia, resulting in border wait times of about 2 hours.

Emerson:

- * The port of Emerson reports the RCMP have advised a protest blockade is now in place (February 10, 01:18ET). The blockade blocks both north and south bound traffic approximately 1.5 kilometers north of the POE. CBSA officers at Emerson are turning northbound commercial vehicles around to the US and advising alternate POE's Boisevain and Sprague to enter Canada. US CBP is aware of the situation.

Coutts:

- * The blockage of the highway north of the Coutts POE continues, RCMP believe it will not be resolved by negotiation.

Enhanced vigilance examinations:
No new vigilance examinations reported

Intelligence Landscape
BLUF: As of February 9 at 1330 ET, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is low.

Regional POE Impacts:

ATL:
- * No impact to CBSA operations reported

Quebec:
- * No impact to CBSA operations reported

NOR
- * As of 1701 ET on Feb 9, Sault Ste. Marie POE reported one vehicle arrived on International Bridge Authority (IBA) property with signs. Police and IBA have been advised. One additional vehicle arrived in the evening. As of 02:12 ET on Feb 10, one vehicle is left, all lights are off and it seems no one is around.

GTA:
- * No impact to CBSA operations reported

SOR:
Fort Erie (Peace Bridge)
- * Information is emerging coordinating a convoy from Stoney Creek Ontario to the Peace Bridge on Saturday February 12th. The last stop before the port of entry is listed as the Husky Truck Stop in Niagara on the Lake. Departure from the Husky is listed as 9:30am. Likely arrival at Peace Bridge could be as early as 10 am Saturday.
- * CBP partners in Detroit are reporting that General Motors (GM) will likely be diverting some outbound trucks to Canada through Buffalo due to delays at crossings near Detroit. May have an impact on Canadian bound traffic.

Blue Water Bridge:
- * As of 02:00 ET on Feb 10, 2022, no media present.
- * VIA Rail Police report the public inquiry line received a message that the Sarnia truck convoy is planning to block trains. All partners are investigating, but credibility has not been established.

Ambassador Bridge:
- * As of 04:00 ET on Feb 10, 2022, 20-25 number vehicles (mostly pick-up trucks of which 6 are towing camper/utility trailers, 2 tractor trailers, 1 bob-tail trailer) blocking the street on south bound Huron Church.
- * Huron Church Rd northbound to Wyandotte is currently closed, and utilized by staff to exit the Port of Entry.
- * As of 04:00 ET on Feb 10, 2022, no media present.

- * 1,000+ pedestrians and 55 vehicles are congregated in the area of Huron Church Road and College Avenue, with no indication of leaving.

Winsdor Tunnel:

- * As of 02:00 ET on Feb 10, 2022, no media present.
- * Ambassador Bridge provided additional staff as required to support operations; Four Officers have been requested, and scheduled to be deployed to the Windsor Tunnel Commercial Operations overnight.

PRA:

Emerson:

- * Feb 9, 2022, at 2249 ET, it was reported by Emerson port of entry (POE) that a protest truck convoy was slow-rolling on HWY 75 south to the port. The convoy consists of approximately 35-40 commercial vehicles and a mix of other vehicles consisting of pick-up trucks, cars and agricultural tractors.
  - * Feb 10, 2022 at 0118ET, the port of Emerson reports the RCMP have advised a protest blockade is now in place. The blockade blocks both north and south bound traffic approximately 1.5 kilometers north of the POE.
  - * CBSA officers at Emerson are turning northbound commercial vehicles around to the US and advising alternate POE's Boisevain and Sprague to enter Canada. US CBP is aware of the situation.

Coutts:

- * On Feb 9, 2022, a Canadian citizen arrived at Coutts after purchasing groceries and supplies . During an examination of his vehicle, a notebook was found where he was writing information about RCMP activities and CBSA managers. Once released following the exam, he backed his truck in at the parking lot so his dash camera could continue recording the RCMP in their staging area. The subject then took the supplies and walked them up to the blockade.
  - * The subject left his vehicle in the CBSA parking lot. Vehicle remains on CBSA site at this time.
  - * RCMP have advised they may tow the vehicle for their purposes. CBSA Intelligence and senior management have been engaged.
- * US CBP received a request to allow cattle clearances at Del Bonita as the Canadian farmers are unable to get their cattle to US markets. USDA unable to process at Del Bonita due to lack of proper facilities and have denied the request.

PAC:

- * No impact to CBSA operations reported